GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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RESERVATION FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS IN PRIVATE SECTOR
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA;SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are planning to make it mandatory for corporate and the private sector to reserve 3 percent vacancies for disabled persons to make them economically independent;

(b) if so, the details thereof and incentive being offered to corporate/private sector in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to increase reservations for the disabled from three percent in the country;

(d) if so, the decision taken in this regard;

(e) whether the Government are aware that the intended benefits reach only to the urban disabled;

(f) if so, the efforts being made to extend these benefits to the rural disabled persons also; (g) whether the 80 percent of the disabled in rural areas are deprived of these benefits; and (h) if so, the concrete measures being worked out in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

SMT. MANEKA GANDHI

(a)&(b) There is a proposal to amend the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities,Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 in order to improve and strengthen the Act and to make it a powerful instrument for promoting equality and protecting the rights of persons with disability.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e)to(h) The Government have, recently, formulated several schemes specifically for wider coverage and holistic rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. These include:-

1) Six Composite Regional Resource Centres (CRCs) are being set up in different parts of the country to provide services for different kinds of disabilities as outreach extension centres of the National Institutes in the disability sector. 2) Four Regional Rehabilitation Centres (RRCs) for persons with spinal injuries andorthopedic disabilities are being set up as a Central Sponsored Scheme with Centre and State share on 90:10 basis to strengthen the services. 3) Four Auxiliary Production Centres of Artificial Limb Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) are being set up to expand the production capacity and for easy availability of quality aids and appliances. 4) A new four tier-scheme namely, National Programme for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities has been recently approved in the State sector for implementation in order to create infrastructure at State/District/Block and Gram Panchayat level for providing comprehensive rehabilitation services to the handicapped. Funds are being released to the State Governments for implementation of the Scheme. 5) Over hundred districts have been identified for providing comprehensive rehabilitation services at the doorsteps of persons with disabilities. Services identified include setting up of composite fitment and rehabilitation centres in collaboration between the National Institutes/ Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India/District Rehabilitation Centres under the Central Government and the District administration/State Government respectively.